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Appl. No. 10/768,702

In the Drawings:

Please see the replacement sheets filed herewith.

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1- 21 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 20, and 21 being the independent claims. Claims 3, 6, and 13 are amended in order to address the Examiner's objections. These changes introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19, arguing that these claims are anticipated by U.S Patent 4,384,388 ("Mondini"). Independent claim 1 refers to a carding machine comprising an adjusting device, wherein the adjusting device comprises a thermal device that adjusts the temperature of a support member of a carding cylinder. Mondini fails to disclose a thermal device that adjusts the temperature of a support member of a carding cylinder. Rather, the thermal device 32 of Mondini adjusts the temperature of a horizontal shaft, or moving element 21. Thermal expansion of the shaft pushes apart adjoining cylinders (Mondini, FIG. 1, FIG. 2b, and col. 7, ln. 62 through col. 8, ln. 5). This horizontal shaft, however, is not a support member of a carding cylinder. In no way does this shaft support the carding cylinder 4. Likewise, none of the other embodiments

described by Mondini (e.g., the embodiments of FIGs. 3 and 4) features a thermal device that adjusts the temperature of a carding cylinder support member. For at least this reason, Mondini fails to anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2-19 all depend from claim 1 and therefore include all features of claim 1. In particular, each of claims 2-19 include the feature of a thermal device that adjusts the temperature of a carding cylinder support member. Because Mondini fails to disclose this feature, this reference fails to anticipate any of claims 2-19.

The Examiner also argues that claims 20 and 21 are anticipated by Mondini. Claim 20 describes a carding machine that includes a thermal device for adjusting the temperature of a support member that carries a carding cylinder. As noted above in the discussion of claim 1, Mondini does not disclose such a feature. For at least this reason, Mondini does not anticipate claim 20.

Claim 21 describes a device on a carding machine, wherein the temperature of framework walls carrying the cylinder can be adjusted. Again, Mondini does not disclose adjustment of the temperature of framework walls carrying the cylinder. For at least this reason, Mondini does not anticipate claim 21.

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Other Matters

Replacement sheets for FIGs. 1 and 2 are filed herewith in order to address omissions of reference numbers.

Also, the Abstract has been amended in order to address the Examiner's objection to the Abstract.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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